

Recycling Public Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Location: DNREC Lewes Facility, 901 Pilottown Road, Lewes 19958

Members Present: BJ Vinton, Chairman (CSWSC)
Paul Bickhart (Recycling Industry)
Mike Parkowski proxy for Pat Canzano (DSWA)
Dick Cecil (Del. Association of Counties)
Marjorie Crofts (DNREC)
Sheba Vine proxy for George Danneman (Soda Beverage Industry)
Michael Fusca (Alcohol Beverage Industry)
Basil Kollias (DE Chamber of Commerce)
Kelly Davis (Educator, DelTech-Owens Campus)
Kyle Sonnenberg (DE League of Local Governments)

Members Absent: Dick Fleming (Delaware Nature Society)
Tom Houska (Waste Management, Inc.)
Wallace Kremer (DeIEASI)
Carrie Leishman (Restaurant Industry)
Julie Miro Wenger (Delaware Food Industry Council)
Pat Todd (League of Women Voters)

Non-Members Present:	Bill Miller (DNREC)	Bill Dempsey (Recycling Perks)
	Stan Mills (Rehoboth Beach)	Jim Short (DNREC)
	Henry Evans (Cape Gazette)	Bob Ziegler (Republic Services)
	Don Long (DNREC)	Tracy Sargent (DNREC)

BJ Vinton called the meeting to order at approximately 1:35 P.M. He welcomed everyone and asked for each person to introduce themselves.

Public Comments – None

Approval of Minutes from Meeting of June 22, 2011

Paul B. corrected himself being present and Mike F. had corrected a line in the Bottle Fee Collection Update. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with the discussed changes.

Universal Recycling Grant and Loan Program Update

Bill M. announced that there were a few applicants that rescinded their applications and one grant contract remains to be finalized, but everything is generally running smoothly. A few reimbursements have already been processed. Mike P. asked the timeframe of when list of grant recipients can be made public. Jim S. said that DNREC plans to post the list online any time now. BJ suggested the RPAC consider the timing for the next round of grants. BJ suggested and Marj C. agreed that DNREC will bring an update of who received grants, total money spent, and total money committed but not yet spent.

Bottle Fee Collection Update

Marj C. announced that the income so far from June was \$259,352.00. Bill M. explained that this number is not final because the Division of Revenue is still compiling June revenue. Notably, the

recycling fee revenue to date is approximately \$1,690,000.00; still only about half of what was projected. The Governor's Office, DNREC, and Division of Revenue will meet with the Soda Beverage Industry to discuss possible problems and resolutions just like they did with the alcohol industry last month. The Governor's Office and the Division of Revenue are drafting letter to retailers about the bottle fee and their responsibilities.

Commercial Recycling

Jim S. reported that the Commercial Recycling committee has only had one meeting. Basil K. is helping to bring the business representatives to the table. DNREC is gathering data from similar reports on commercial recycling elsewhere. Things are in good shape considering the report is due November 2012. Marj C. mentioned a legislative resolution that didn't pass regarding carpet recycling committee. BJ thought carpet recycling falls under C&D but added that carpet is highly recyclable and is being recycled.

BJ asked Bob Z. if his company would accept recyclables from customers in a clear bag. He said to ask DSWA since they process Republic's recyclables. Mike P. said DSWA would accept recyclables in a bag but strongly prefers a bag not be used. Bob Z. and Mike P. agreed that across the board, the recent recycling participation has been phenomenal.

Outreach and Education

Bill M. reported that DNREC has developed radio ads, is conducting outreach at the Delaware State Fair, is developing billboard ads, and working with the Division of Aging to improve outreach to seniors. He announced that DNREC is holding the eight public informational meeting on universal recycling at 7:00pm August 3 at The Independence School in Newark and continues to be open to present information to any organization or community group. WHYI has asked Secretary O'Mara to tape a segment on recycling on August 3.

Recycling Market Update

Paul B. shared there was a slight increase in the recycling market; OCC is up \$5 to \$165/ton, office paper and newsprint are holding strong and steady. Mike P. said single-stream prices are steady.

Old /New Business

Dick C. asked about new appointments. Dick F., Wally K., and Pat T.'s terms have expired and they will be retiring. BJ is working with the Governor's Office to find replacements by the September meeting. Kelly D. and Dick C.'s terms are set to expire but they will be renewed. A motion passed unanimously for BJ to prepare certificates for the three retirees and present them at the next meeting in New Castle County. Marj C. announced that DNREC's Shannon Splittorff is moving to Arkansas. Henry Evans from the Cape Gazette asked several questions mostly about the DSWA's programs. Bob Z. asked to be included on the commercial recycling subcommittee. Jim S. said he would email him the next meeting information. He also said the biggest problem the hauling industry has seen with universal recycling is cart moves. Mike P. noted that 752,000 tons of waste landfilled statewide in FY11, which was the 5 year target in Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan. This is down from 1,200,000 tons landfilled in 2006.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on September 28, 2011 at the DelDot Felton/Farmington Room, 800 Bay Road, Dover, DE.

The meeting was adjourned around 3:35 P.M.